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Paragraphs.

Is the North Pole an icicle?

The farmer's favorite tramp—Spades.

King David has come to see Johnathan.

Words that burn—Benzine and blazes.

A little knowledge—Knowing a bee sees.

No Chinaman has ever yet become a book agent.

Troy, N. Y., has been trying naphtha street lamps and pronounces them failures.

A man in Florida claims to have a stone that Washington threw at a woodpecker on his father's cherry tree.

The race is not always won by the strong. Were it so, the onion would be a head instead of the cabbage.

New Jersey has a premium penitentiary. Last year it made a clear profit of \$45,234 out of its State's prison labor.

The Sandwich Islanders are going to raise a monument at Honolulu to Captain Cook, whom their forefathers ate.

The Union Pacific locomotives are the most extensive cattle raisers on the plains. They generally raise them about twenty feet.

A Rensselaer county farmer put his lantern on the stove to thaw out, while he went to the barn to harness the horses. The lantern will never freeze again, nor the house either.

"If you don't see what you want, ask for it," is posted up in a conspicuous place in a Logansport grocery. A native stepped into the establishment last week. He saw the card, and remarked, "I want a ten dollar bill and don't see it." "Neither do I," was the laconic reply.

A pensive young man sang most pathetically at an amateur concert. "Where are the friends of my childhood?" Before he retired from the side of the accompanist at the piano, he heard a friend say, quite furiously, to a lady sitting by his side, "The friends of his childhood are probably in a lunatic asylum if they listened much to such a singer."

A negro at Newport, Rhode Island, while digging in a garden recently, found a gold dollar, and asked permission to dig there on the following day, which was granted, but during the night the owner, for a joke, buried the ball of the kettle a cannon-ball and several pieces of copper coin. The next day the negro returned with another gentleman of color, and after a tour about the ground with a divining rod, unearthed the articles which had been buried. He was much elated, and has been digging ever since, while the owner of the land sits at a window and enjoys the excitement.

HARD TIMES FOR THE NEWSPAPERS.—It is understood that Appleton's Journal will be discontinued at the end of the year. It is said it never has begun to reach the paying point; that in the five years of its existence it has lost over \$100,000, and that the firm would have given up before had they not had a pride in its continuance. This has been a very hard year on newspapers and periodicals. It is asserted that only four of the New York city dailies have made any money, and not one of the magazines has proven profitable. It is estimated that fully \$3,000,000 have been lost in twelve months in the publication business.

A Christmas Legend.

It was Christmas Eve. The night was very dark and the snow fell fast, as Hermann, the charcoal-burner, drew his cloak tighter around him, and the wind whistled fiercely through the trees of the Black Forest. He had been to carry a load to a castle near, and was now hastening home to his little hut. Although he worked very hard, he was poor, gaining barely enough for the wants of his wife, and four little children. He was thinking of them, when he heard a faint wailing. Guided by the sound, he groped about and found a little child, scantily clothed, shivering and sobbing by itself in the snow.

"Way, little one, have they left thee here all alone to face this cruel blast?"

The child answered nothing, but looked piteously up in the charcoal-burner's face.

"Well, I cannot leave thee here. Thou wouldst be dead before the morning."

So saying, Hermann raised it in his arms, wrapping it in his cloak and warming its little cold hands in his bosom. When he arrived at his hut, he put down the child and tapped at the door, which was immediately thrown open, and the children rushed to meet him.

"Here, wife, is a guest to our Christmas Eve supper," said he, leading in the little one, who held timidly to his finger with its tiny hand.

"And welcome he is," said the wife. "Now let him come and warm himself by the fire."

The children all pressed round to welcome and gaze at the little new-comer. They showed him their pretty fire-tree, decorated with bright, colored lamps in honor of Christmas Eve, which the good mother had endeavored to make a fete for the children.

Then they sat down to supper, each child contributing of its portion for the guest, looking with admiration at its clear, blue eyes and golden hair, which shone so as to shed a brighter light in the little room; and as they gazed, it grew into a sort of halo round his head, and his eyes beamed with a heavenly luster. Soon two white whings appeared at his shoulders, and he seemed to grow larger and larger, and then the beautiful vision vanished, spreading out his hands as in benediction over them.

They were the wings of an angel, exclaiming, in awe-struck voices: "The holy Christ-child!" and then embraced their wondering children in joy and thankfulness that they had entertained the Heavenly Guest.

The next morning, as Hermann passed by the place where he had found the fair child, he saw a clump of lovely white flowers, with dark green leaves, looking as though the snow itself had blossomed. Hermann plucked some, and carried them reverently home to his wife and children, who treasured the fair blossoms and tended them carefully in remembrance of that wonderful Christmas Eve, calling them Chrysanthemums; and every year, as the time came round, they put aside a portion of their feast and gave it to some poor little child, according to the words of the Christ: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—*Florence Scannell, in St. Nicholas for January.*

THE FAIR MEXICANS.—A writer in *Lippia coli's* says: "The Mexican women look their best in a ball-room. Their black eyes, black hair, and white teeth glisten in the light; they are dressed in the gayest of gay colors; ponderous ornaments of gold, strongly relieved by their dark complexions, shed around them a rich barbaric lustre. Not that they eschew adventures means to blanch their sun-shadowed tints. For days some of the senoras or senoritas have worn a mask of a white clayey mixture to give them an ephemeral whiteness for this occasion. Those who could procure nothing else have worn a tawny vizard knaused of common clay to effect in some degree a like result by protecting their faces from the sun and wind. Should you visit New Mexico, and as you ride along slowly in the heat of midday meet a senorita who gazes at you with a pair of jet black eyes through a hideous, ghastly mask of mud and mortar, do not be frightened from your accustomed propriety. The senorita is preparing her *folleto de bal*. The New Mexican women cannot be considered pretty generally speaking. In artistic symmetry of feature, in purity of complexion, they are not to be compared with our countrywomen. These can bear the searching light of day, when delicacy of detail can be distinguished and appreciated. Those look their best in the artificial light of the ball-room. There the blue-black hair, the brilliant black eyes, the well-traced eyebrows, the magnificently white and regular teeth, the richly developed forms, produce a general effect before which our blonde and delicate beauties seem pale and faded. But the Mexican's coarser skin—her *teint basane*—is too plainly visible in the light of the sun; you should see her only in the light of the lamps. It is doubtless rather from an instinct of coquetry than from any other feeling that the Mexican women shroud their dusky traits in the folds of their *robos*, leaving only one pilot eye to look upon the outer world.

A visitor to the art museum asked for the key to Kaubach's great cartoon. The outline copy, with the figures numbered, was handed out by an attendant. "That's not it. I want the key with which you unlock and go behind it."

KING AND QUEEN.

The happiest home I ever saw.
Was where a woman reigned;
And yet the man himself was king.
Pray how was this attained?

The wife, who seemed submission's self,
And did her wifely part,
Queened in an imperious way
Over her husband's heart.

Her chosen throne was his in home,
Her scepter his dear will,
Her spousal robe and crown his love—
We see the picture still.

Yet like a king that held full sway,
He guarded well his own,
And loved his palace-home made bright
By love, and love alone.

His children by his mother led,
Her bright example saw,
Obedience an easy thing,
And "Father's word" was law.

O, what a pleasant thing to see,
Of all things to be seen,
A home where reigns with equal power,
A household king and queen!

New Publications.

St. Nicholas for January—is a real Holiday number, and a peculiarly attractive one. It opens with a beautiful frontispiece called "Mozart, the Little Music King," followed by a short sketch of the great musician's career. It gives us an abundance of interesting Christmas stories, such as "Tommy, the Soprano," by Charles Barnard; "May's Christmas Tree," by Olive Thorne; "A Christmas Legend," by Florence Scannell (each of the three with a beautiful picture by Eytinge); and "The Dwarf's Mirror," illustrated by F. A. Chapman. There is also a facsimile of the original manuscript of the famous ballad "Twas the Night before Christmas," which will attract the attention of all the boys and girls.

The beginning of the two series, "The Young Surveyor," by J. T. Frothingham, and "Eight Cousins," by Louis M. Alcott, with fine illustrations by W. L. Shepard and Adelle Lydard, is an event of great importance to the readers of the Magazine, and has no doubt been eagerly awaited by them. Hezekiah Burdett contributes a set of thirty stories, called "The Fanny Kings," which are admirably illustrated by Henry L. Stephens, and Thomas Dunn English has an old-fashioned Fairy tale, with two striking pictures by E. B. Bessell. The number also contains "A Bird's-Eye view of the Battle of Life," illustrated by five of Conklin's exquisite pictures; a description of "The Hornbill," with an illustration by James C. Beard; an article giving directions for making a "Domino Bridge"; and an interesting account by Noah Brooks of the celebrated "Children's Crusade."

Then, there are poems by Bret Harte and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; a "Christmas Carol," by Mrs. Santa Claus and his Men."

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A PHILADELPHIA OCCURRENCE.—A Philadelphia paper says: "A few evenings ago a gentleman of this city, of the best personal character and of well-known business position, was returning home from the Chestnut street Theatre. Scarcely had he left the door when a decently dressed man rushed up to a passing policeman and demanded his arrest, charging him with having attempted to pick his wife's pocket! The young gentleman explained that his accuser had mistaken him for some one else, but he violently renewed his charge and insisted upon his arrest. The gentleman produced his business card and showed his gold watch, engraved with the same name, by way of self-identification, but was insulting told that he had probably stolen the watch! The officer, who acted throughout with most commendable judgment and consideration, accompanied the young gentleman to the Central Station, taking his accuser with him. Here the charge was renewed, the accuser declaring that he was a lawyer and knew what he was about. The gentleman sent for friends who promptly came to his rescue, but there being no committing magistrate present at that hour to accept bail the police authorities were constrained reluctantly to hold the accused, and he was kept all night at the Central Station, although by the good judgment of the officers he was not subjected to the indignity of the cell. In the morning he was promptly released of bail; and, after a hearing from Alderman Carpenter, the case was dismissed as frivolous and without foundation."

LONG PRAYERS.—Dr. Talmage has something to say on the question of praying: "We are confident that one reason for the prayers with which we are sometimes afflicted in religious meetings is an inequality to wind up. After the brother has been praying long enough you see that he is trying to find 'Amen.' He does not want to come too suddenly upon it, and so he gradually makes that way; but he is a Brooklyn ferry-boat aiming for the wharf when there is a good deal of ice in the river, and he backs in and out, in and out, at last reaching it with blundering strokes. Many of the brethren in their prayers take one-third of stop. Why not with your first sentence plunge into what you most want, and stop when you get through without any circumlocutions? Men keep on after they ought stop, because they do not know how to let down brakes. We have a recommendation to make: If any isolated 'Amen' would sound abrupt at the time you want to close, as the Psalmist did when the prayers of David the son of Jesse were ended, exclaim 'Amen and Amen!'"

A SAD CASE.—Mr. Daniel Moseart, of Ann Arbor, Mich., a well known watch inventor, has been laboring for years upon a very intricate watch, which, without being of any larger size than usual, was to show quarter seconds, seconds, minutes, hours, days of the week, and of the month, and months of the year. Every fifth time the watch was opened, it was to wind itself. It appears that Mr. Moseart had completed his model, so that it worked successfully, and had received a large order from parties for the exclusive right to manufacture. Some slight trouble in the works necessitated taking them to pieces; but, on attempting to put them together again, the inventor found himself unable to do so—some of the very delicate portions probably having become lost. The intense mental application over the difficulty resulted in derangement of the mind, and it was found necessary to remove the unfortunate man to the insane asylum, as a confirmed lunatic.

IGNORANCE AND CRIME.—We doubt if more striking evidence of the necessity of compulsory education laws and the provision of means for their rigid enforcement could be found than appears in a suggestive fact in the pages of a recent report of the National Prison Association. This volume, which is filled with copious statistics of prisons and convicts in this country, deals incidentally with the causes of crime, making its deductions from the various prison reports of the mental and social condition of the incarcerated. Ignorance is proved to be the worst evil with which a community must struggle. Forty-eight per cent. of all the convicts in the United States can neither read nor write, and only one per cent. of the aggregate have acquired a superior education. We trust that the enforcement of the compulsory laws already enacted in some of the States, will soon justify the wisdom that prompted them, and lead to an improvement in the average education of the lower classes.—*Scient. American.*

THE HIGHEST LAKE IN THE UNITED STATES.—Dr. Harkness has discovered, in Plumas county, California, a body of water, probably the most elevated in the United States, the barometer registering a height of 7,330 feet above the sea level.

The lake is of triangular shape, having its longest diameter about one mile and three quarters in length. The water during last August was intensely cold and of a deep blue color. The outlet is into Warner Valley, over a declivity of some 2,000 feet. The California Academy of Sciences has named the lake, after its discoverer, Lake Harkness.

What Sunday is Good for.

Says the N. Y. Tribune: Without bringing into play any theological considerations whatever, we hold that it is against the public interest that distinctions between Sunday and the other days of the week should be abolished. Rest on one day in seven is absolutely necessary for the mental and bodily health of all who labor, and it is not worth while to take into account the infinitely small number of those who do no work. It is only vicious vagrants and rich idlers who would suffer from the cessation of every-day life on Sundays, and their distress should call for no sympathy. For all others Sunday is a most valuable and salutary institution. It causes a break in the wearing and destructive pursuits of life. It changes those currents of busy thought which seem to have something corroding in them. It gives one day for the recuperation of the vital forces wasted in the preceding six. These are the obvious physical advantages, but inculcably greater are its moral. Despite the sneers of little wits, and the more redoubtable assaults of iconoclastic thinkers, the good which is done by regular church-going is beyond computation. The preachers are not always wise or eloquent—they are sometimes even offensive to taste and repulsive to sound reason. But the vast majority are good and earnest men, who deliver not merely their own thoughts, but the messages of an army of witnesses, of transcendent power and purity, on subjects of the most momentous importance. For an hour or two at least in every week the church-goer is brought face to face with great and lofty thoughts, is forced to contemplate a series of images and symbols which have done more for the world than a thousand legions of soldiers could do, and is made to meditate with more or less earnestness upon his personal relations to his Creator and his fellowmen. There is no rule by which we can compute the sum of the result. The good resolutions formed, the evil